

disposed immediately behind the genital area as worn, said pad is permanently affixed to said main panel.

**REMARKS:**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 112 as being indefinite because the limitation "attachment device" was found not to have an antecedent basis. Claim 11 is amended to add this limitation, and claim 12 depends from claim 11.

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-20 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 102(b) as being anticipated by Lauritzen (US Pub No. 2004/0082932). Claims 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lauritzen in view of Runeman, et al. (WO 91/07155).

Claim 6 was found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


The limitations of claim 6, and of claim 5 from which claim 6 depends, are inserted into claim 1. Therefore claim 1, and claims 2-4 and 7-22 depending therefrom, are believed to be allowable. Claims 5 and 6 are canceled. A somewhat broader and shorter version of the limitations of claim 6 are inserted into independent claims 23 and

24. These limitations are believed to be the core of what makes claim 6 allowable, and thus are believed to make claims 23 and 24 allowable as well.

In view of the foregoing considerations, it is respectfully urged that each of claims 1-4 and 7-24 should be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested.

If there are any reservations about allowing these claims, a telephone interview is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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